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"Tell me," she said,
As I stood on my head
And recited my German
in Greek;

"Are you always this weird,
Slowly grooming your beard
With a tooth from a hummingbird's beak?"

"Why of course," I-replied,
(Taking great pains to hide,
The fact that my verbs
needed work).

"I find great release,
Comfort, joy, and yes—peace;
Going slowly, but surely
berserk."